

using differing frequencies and/or differing protocols,

b. a plurality of portable radio devices, located within the geographic region, that are sufficiently frequency and protocol agile to allow access to more than one of the wireless service networks. each said portable radio device including

i. an accessing circuit for providing access to any one of a plurality of the wireless service networks by requesting access and, if available, establishing access in response to an access control signal that adjusts the radio frequency and the protocol of the associated portable radio device as necessary to access the selected wireless service network,

ii. memory for storing a user defined criteria for selecting a wireless service, and

iii. control signal generator for automatically generating the access control signal in response to an automated selection of the wireless network that best satisfies the stored criteria for wireless service and for causing said accessing circuit to access the wireless service network identified by the access control signal generated.

REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowance of claims 1-41 is appreciated. Claims 1-46 are pending and claims 42-46 have been rejected. The applicants wish to thank Examiner Urban and Special Program Examiner Wieder for the courtesies extended to Mr. Leedom and Mr. Massie during the interview of August 29, 2001.